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Merry Whitefoord, farewell ! for thy sake I admit,
That a Scot may have humour, I had almost said wit ;
This debt to thy memory I cannot refuse,
"Thou best natur'd man, with the worst humour'd muse."

With regard to his lighter productions ; his success encouraged a herd of imitators, until at length as is usual in the case of imitation, what was supported in him by original genius, fell into discredit by the failure of his imitators. Success gives ephemeral reputation, which lures the in-

judicious, till the public become disgusted with attempts at false wit, and such things sink into merited oblivion.— Even in the present case, Caleb Whitefoord, lived to see this specimen of wit justly fall into disrepute. A warning to wits, and still more to imitating wittlings, that though the coruscations of genius may give a temporary credit, yet utility and close research, can alone confer permanent reputation, and a lasting fame.— "I paint for eternity ;" was the language of a man, who sought for fame, not in doing trifles well, but in laborious well directed efforts.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

IRISH,

DUBLIN COMMISSION INTELLIGENCE.

Tuesday, February 20.

CONSPIRACY.

Arthur Downes, Owen Reynolds, and H. O'Beirne stood indicted, for that they being ill-disposed persons, and intending the liege subjects of the king, by divers false pretences, to cheat of their monies, goods and chattles, on the 1st day of November last, did conspire to draw upon each other bills of exchange for large sums of money, and represent the parties to the said bills to be solvent ; and did open a shop for the pretended sale of woollen and linen drapery, at No. 190, Great Britain-street, and deceitfully deposited trusses of hay, resembling by their covering woollen and linen cloth, and in furtherance of the conspiracy did agree to purchase from Anthony Pusterla, a looking glass, value 10l. and tender in payment a bill, purporting to be drawn by Arthur Downes on Michael Reynolds, for 10l. and represented that the said persons were persons of property, and that the bill would be paid, by which deceit O'Beirne fully obtained a looking glass. There were other counts in the indictment, laying the conspiracy to cheat in various ways.

John Murphy examined by Mr. Torrens.—Lives in Britain-street, in the city of Dublin ; lived there in the month of September ; a person named Reynolds came to him in that month to

take a shop, parlour, and kitchen, and gave a memorandum in writing, that it was for the drapery business ; there was another person (one of the prisoners) O'Beirne—Witness set him the shop ; was to be paid forty pounds yearly ; the shop was taken possession of the same day ; cannot say it was Reynolds took possession ; but as soon as Michael Reynolds got possession, the door was fastened ; and in a fortnight after the name, A. Downes, was placed over the door ; witness had no dealings with Downes ; the kitchen was not taken possession of ; there was a communication from the parlour to the hall, which was never opened after they came, and no person could get to them but through the shop door ; the house was not used by them for any necessary purpose, either of water or candle-light ; the candles were lighted at Clarke's a public house ; they got punch from the house ready made ; they did not make use of the necessary belonging to the house ; never was in the shop but one night when they refused to shut it, and witness was obliged to sit up till half past one o'clock ; the prisoner Downes was the most constant there ; saw O'Beirne there frequently with a lady who he said was his wife ; never saw Owen Reynolds there ; Downes called himself Muldoon at the head office ; witness never knew his name before ; on the 9th of January had an opportunity of examining the

goods; there were about two hundred bundles of hay covered with cloth, (some of them were produced and identified.) Some of the parcels had paper on them; does not know of any persons applying to purchase goods, but knows of a multitude of bills having called for payment; the protests were not served at the house. The persons who asked for payment generally inquired for Downes.

Wm. Jackson said he presented the bill for payment, and recognized the prisoner O'Beirne, as having been at his master's house in the beginning of January. Took the bill to 190, Britain-street, to a Mr. Downes—it was accepted, but did not see Mr. Downes accept it. He saw the other two prisoners in the shop—presented the bill to one of the prisoners; they went behind the counter. Muldoon went to the desk, and returned the bill accepted. The prisoner Reynolds was busy settling the business in the shop. Witness, by direction of the prisoner O'Beirne, directed the parcel to Rathleague, county of Roscommon.

George Young examined—Is a hatter, living in Temple-bar; knows the prisoner O'Beirne, who came to witness's house in the month of January to purchase hats, which he did to the amount of £13 and gave a bill signed by himself, on Arthur Downes; a friend drew the bill at his desire. The bill was duly accepted, and the goods were to be directed to Henry O'Beirne, Rathkeale, and to be forwarded to one Wheatley, an inn-keeper, in Black-hall place.

George Gillington is a cabinet-maker; knows the prisoner O'Beirne, with whom he agreed to sell goods on the 27th or 28th of October last, six chairs and a bason-stand; he offered a bill drawn by Michael Reynolds on Arthur Downes in favour of O'Beirne; he said he would bring a man for them, but the witness had suspicion, and sent his porter with them to his lodgings in Fitzwilliam place.

Several other witnesses were examined to prove the negotiation of bills under circumstances similar so those previously produced.

Major Sirr examined by Mr. Torrens.—Produced a number of bills

found on the person of the prisoner O'Beirne, drawn and directed as the other bills.

The Jury, after an able charge from Judge Day, in which he went fully into the law, as applicable to the case, and which he left for their consideration, whether the prisoners had entered into a conspiracy to cheat and defraud or not, found the prisoners guilty.

Died, at Moyallon, in the county of Down, Thomas Phelps Sen. an eminent linendraper. He was a man of the strictest probity, joined with an openness and a pleasing freedom of manners which conciliated the esteem of his acquaintances, and in an especial manner the regards of the poorer classes of society, with whom his extensive trade brought him acquainted, particularly in those excellent schools of equality, the markets for the sale of brown linens. His liberalities to the poor were extensive, and his purse was ever open to promote plans of usefulness, to clothe the naked, and instruct the ignorant by the encouragement of schools. "Slave to no sect, he took no private road," but his religion was of that practical kind, which consisted in doing good, and regulating his heart, and having made these essentials his prime concern, he did not suffer a large arrear to accumulate to be settled on his death bed, as too many do, who trust to certain ceremonies to be then practised, and certain anxieties to be then endured to atone for the habitual neglect of duties through life. Consequently the approach of death brought no terrors, and having lived in regular preparation he was free from the fears which often torment in the last moments of a mispent existence; and to which also some well-meaning people of a fearful cast sometimes give way, and make their lives unhappy by an unprofitable fear of death, while others live as if they were never to die.

Free from both extremes, he bore a long and painful illness with patience and resignation, and has left a lasting memorial of esteem in the memory of his friends. Without giving way to the fulsome style of panegyric too common in recording deaths, it may be allowed, to give the due meed of praise to departed worth, not to gratify the vanity of surviving relatives, but to hold up a conduct worthy of imitation to all. In recording a brief memorial of such characters, the impressive language is held out. "Go thou and live likewise"—

Let us follow his example, and in the words of the poet.

———“Go fix some weighty truth,
Chain down some passion, do some gen’rous good;
Teach ignorance to see, or grief to smile,
Correct thy friend; befriended thy greatest foe;
Or with warm heart, and confidence divine,
Spring up, and lay strong hold on him who made thee”

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ULSTER.

Married...Mr. John Fottrel, to Miss Ferguson, both of Newry.

Wm. Hanna, esq. of Acton, co. Armagh, to Miss Louisa Chancly of North Great Georges Street, Dublin.

At Belfast, Mr. Wm. Henry, to Miss Moore, of British, Killead.

Mr. John Hackett, to Miss Anne Maguire, both of Enniskillen.

Mr. James Dumicker of Belfast, to Miss Fanny Maccowan.

Wm. Lyons, esq. of Oldpark, to Miss Anne Kristow, daughter of the late Rev. Wm. Bristow.

Mr. Andrew Hamilton, of Bally-walter, to Miss M'Murry of Hill-hall.

Mr. John Clarke of Break, to Miss Kerberry of Portadown.

Mr. Hugh M'Clean of Clibberstown, to Miss Mary Watson of Battletown.

Mr. Henry Moore, to Miss Beatty, both of Belfast.

Deaths...Mr. George Kearns, near Lisburn.

At Omagh, Mr. Andrew Harvey.

At Strabane, Mrs. M. Rutherford relict of the late Mr. Robert Rutherford.

At Banbridge, Mr. John Savage.

At Belfast, Mr. Thomas Read, merchant.

Miss M. Ann Ashmur, of Newry.

Mrs. M'Master, relict of the late Sam. M'Master.

At Roan, near Armagh, Mr. Henry Wm. Dickson, eldest son of the Rev. Wm. Steel Dickson.

Rev. John Law, dissenting minister of Banagher.

In Ferry-quay-street, Derry, Miss L. Haslett.

In the Diamond, Derry, Mrs. Kennedy, wife of Mr. Philip Kennedy.

At Armagh, Mr. Wm. Daleell, woollen draper.

Mr. Stewart Graham, of Ballynafy.

Mr. James Caldwell, of Dunfanaghy.

Mr. Thomas Henry, of Ballyhossit.

At Armagh, Mr. Wm. Daizel.

Mr. David Kincaid of Ballymena, aged 61.

LEINSTER.

Married...James Merge esq. to Miss C. Palmer, daughter of the late Rev. Arthur Palmer of Kilkenny.

Alexander Thompson, esq. to Miss White, daughter of Charles White, esq. of Ballybroley, Queen's county.

Mr. Murphy, of Great Britain Street, Dublin, to Miss Sarah Reed, of Granby Row.

Mr. James Purcel of Dublin, Merchant, to Miss Mary Maquay, of Bannow, Wexford.

Terence Curtayne, M.D. to Miss Ann Thornburgh, Crescent, near Dublin.

Mr. John Flynn of Hendrick street, to Miss Ransford, of St. Andrews street.

Stephen Carnes, esq. of Usher's Island Dublin, to Miss Maria Wisdom, of the county Wicklow.

At Black Castle, county Meath, Thos. Rathwell, esq. of Rockfield, to Letitia, only daughter of James Corry, esq. of Chantinee.

At Carlow, Joseph Lightburn, esq. of Bellewstown, to Miss P. Meadows of Newbury, in the county of Wexford.

Thomas Dennis, esq. of Meadville, co. Westmeath, to Miss Saunders daughter, of Morley Saunders esq. Saunders Grove, co. Wicklow.

Mr. John Kernan of Upper Bridge-street, Dublin, to Miss Eleanor Meighan, of Enniskillen.

Mr. Wm. Williams, to Mrs. Chevalier of Capel-street, Dublin.

Died...Patrick Kelly esq. of North-Frederick street, Dublin.

In Dame-street, Dublin, Mr. William O'Neil, watch maker.

In Westmorland-street, Mr. Richard Taylor, Woollen draper.

In South Great Georges-street, Mr. John Eardley.

Rev. Charles Doran, P.P. of Monaster-even.

Benjamin Biggs, esq. of Mount-street Dublin.

Mr. Thomas M'Cullough, of church-street, Dublin.

MUNSTER.

Married...John White esq. of Carick-on-Suir, to Miss Lonergan, widow of the late Bryan Lonergan, esq.

Died...At Waterford, Mrs. Evans, wife of Samuel Evans, esq.

CONNAUGHT.

Married...At Castletucker, county Mayo, Charles Nesbit Knox, esq. of the county Sligo, to Miss Cuffe, daughter of lord Tyrawly.

Captain Lambert, of the Galway Regiment, to Miss Ellen Seymour of Shannon Grove, county Galway.